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(U) SCOPE: The NAB provides immediate real-time updates on incidents and situations of urgent interest to NCRIC partners including officer safety alerts, BOL requests, threat warnings and ongoing incidents. Information within NABs may often include raw reporting that has not been fully evaluated, and is provided for situational awareness only.

Officer Safety Bulletin

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(U//FOUO) Facebook Searches Can Help Malicious Actors Target Law Enforcement

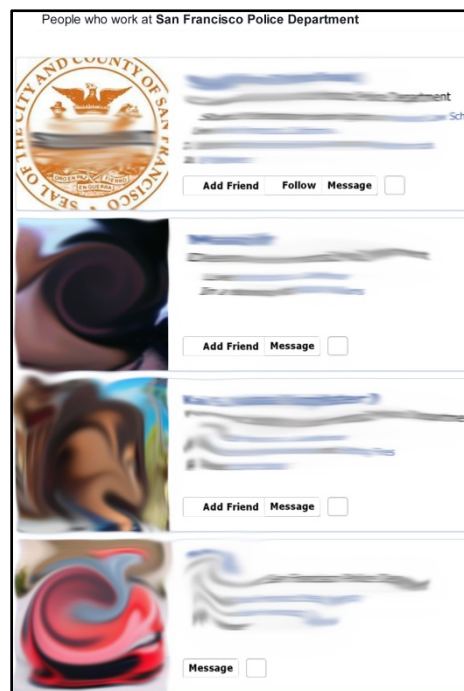
(U//FOUO) The online social network Facebook has released a new search method which could present a security concern for law enforcement employees who use Facebook and have not engaged privacy controls.

(U//FOUO) The search method allows any Facebook user to use vague search phrases to find much wider results, based on basic information provided by the Facebook user and/or anything that has been "liked" on Facebook. For example, the search feature can provide results for search phrases such as:

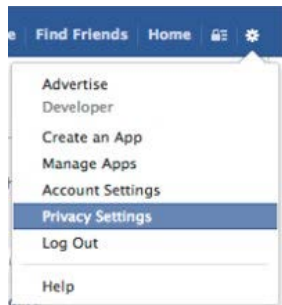
- "People who are police officers and live nearby"
- "People who are police officers and live in San Francisco, California"
- "People who work for San Francisco Police Department"
- "People who are police officers and live nearby and like 49ers"
- "People who are police officers and have been to Candlestick Park"

(U//FOUO) This type of search allows for numerous combinations, which could allow someone to locate law enforcement employees and obtain personal information about them, including photos, family members, other Facebook friends, places visited, etc.

(U//FOUO) This search does not include any users who hide their personal information from public searches in the "Privacy Settings", which can be found on the top right of the Facebook toolbar. Law enforcement employees are strongly encouraged to utilize the Facebook privacy controls to maintain the security of their personal information.



(U) Screenshot of "People who work at San Francisco Police Department" Search Results



(U) Facebook Privacy Settings

(U//FOUO) Law enforcement employees are also encouraged to review their postings on all social media sites to limit personal information in the public domain.

(U//FOUO) If you have any concerns or questions, please contact I/A Donovan McKendrick at DMcKendrick@ncric.org. Report urgent threat information to the FBI-JTTF at [\(415\) 553-7400](tel:4155537400); Report suspicious activity to the NCRIC at <https://ncric.org>.

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